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SUBJECT: DISCRIMINATORY TOBACCO PRICES FOR
AMERICAN IMPORTERS

REF.: (A) STATE 147294, (B) ANKARA 5424

1. POST HAS CONTACTED PHILLIP MORRIS, GARY TOBACCO
CO. (BUYER FOR LIGGETT AND MEYERS), AMERICAN TOBACCO
CO., GLENN TOBACCO CO. (BUYER FOR R.J. REYNOLDS), AND
BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. (BUYER FOR
BROWN AND WILLIAMSON). RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF AMERICAN,
GLENN, AND BRITISH-AMERICAN WERE OUT OF TOWN. PHILLIP
MORRIS AND GARY INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF MEETING

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MENTIONED REFTEL (A), AND NO AWARENESS OF IMPENDING DIS-
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CRIMINATION. ONLY RECENT CASE OF POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATION

AGAINST AMERICAN FIRM INVOLVES GARY TOBACCO'S LOSS OF LONG-STANDING PERMISSION TO EXPORT AT COST PRICE RATHER THAN MINIMUM PRICE. EVEN HERE, HOWEVER, OTHER FOREIGN FIRMS EXERCISING SIMILAR PRIVILEGE LOST PERMISSION AT SAME TIME.

2. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ANKARA THURSDAY BETWEEN BANKING REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIALS OF TOBACCO MERCHANTS FEDERATION UNDER MINCOM AUSPICES TO DISCUSS LIQUIDATION OF OLD TOBACCO STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE MERCHANTS. AT THIS MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOBACCO EXPORTERS UNION MAY PRESS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SIXTY PERCENT OF INTEREST CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST PRIVATE MERCHANTS IN CURRENT CALENDER YEAR. AS REFTTEL (B) INDICATES, HOWEVER, NO DISCUSSION OF PRICES OF NEWLY PROCESS TOBACCO IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE. POST WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION IT OBTAINS ON THIS MEETING.
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